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Women Farmers Empowerment
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the objectives of women farmers empowerment project for the promotion of their livelihood under the National Rural Livelihood Mission;

(b) the details of States where the said scheme is being implemented in various districts;

(c) the number of women benefited under the said project; and

(d) the other steps taken by the Government for development of the said project?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI SUDARSHAN BHAGAT)

(a): Mahila Kisan Sashaktikaran Pariyojana (MKSP) was announced in the budget of 2010-11 as a sub-component of the National Rural Livelihoods Mission (NRLM), to meet the specific needs of women farmers and achieve socio-economic and technical empowerment of rural women farmers. Specific objectives of MKSP are as under:

i) To enhance the productive participation of women in agriculture;

ii) To create sustainable agricultural livelihood opportunities for women in agriculture;

iii) To improve the skills and capabilities of women in agriculture to support farm and non-farm-based activities;

iv) To ensure food and nutrition security at the household and the community level;

v) To enable women to have better access to inputs and services of the government and other agencies;

vi) To enhance the managerial capacities of women in agriculture for better management of bio-diversity;

vii) To improve the capacities of women in agriculture to access the resources of other institutions and schemes within a convergence framework

(b): MKSP is being implemented in 15 States - Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, Jharkhand, Karntaka, Kerala, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Odisha, Rajasthan, Telangana and West Bengal.

(c): As on 31.03.2015 under MKSP 32,44,091 Mahila Kisans have been covered .

(d): Based on the recommendations of various consultations and experience of MKSP, NRLM has developed a strategy to address the issues pertaining to livestock based livelihoods of the rural poor by building a cadre of community animal care service providers called pashu sakhi.

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